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Mrs. Beatrice Weaver
1253 Harlees Bridge Road
Dillon, South Carolina 29536

Re: Docket No. 2004-219-E
In re: Petition of Progress Energy Carolinas, Inc. to Terminate Service

Dear Mrs. Weaver:

I am writing to introduce myself as the Hearing Officer appointed to the above-referenced docket. This letter is in response to yours dated September 7, 2006.

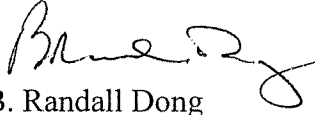
I have over 16 years of experience as an attorney, and have been a lawyer here in Columbia since 1992. After more than 15 years in private law practice, I joined the Commission staff as one of its attorneys in January, 2006. My duties as Staff Counsel include being appointed from time to time by the Commission to act as Hearing Officer to decide issues with regard to evidence and procedure. I am employed solely by the Commission.

At your request, I have also included with this letter a Westlaw printout of the hearing officer statute, S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-40. Please be aware that as an attorney employed by the Public Service Commission, I am subject to the Code of Judicial Conduct and cannot engage in any *ex parte* communications about your case. Furthermore, since I am one of the Commission's lawyers, I cannot advise or represent you or any other party to cases before the Commission. If you need further explanation of the statute or of the duties it confers upon those appointed as Hearing Officers, you should consult your own attorney.

I have also enclosed with this letter the original of your affidavit dated August 16, 2006, which was attached to your memorandum addressed to Mr. Terreni dated August 7, 2006. You requested that the memorandum be distributed to the parties, but you have also characterized the medical information contained in the affidavit as confidential. Therefore, we did not send copies of the affidavit to the parties, and I am returning the original to you and informing you further that we have not retained any copies thereof. If you would like for us to have records of this information and share this information with the other parties to the docket to which you are a party, please confirm your wishes by signing and returning a copy of the release printed at the end of this letter, along with the documentation you wish for us to retain in our files.

I hope you and yours have a happy holiday season.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "B. Randall Dong". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

B. Randall Dong
Hearing Officer

Enclosure

cc: (w/o enclosure): Len S. Anthony, Esquire
(w/o enclosure): Shannon Bowyer Hudson, Esquire

By signing below, I am authorizing the Public Service Commission of South Carolina to read and retain the materials which I have enclosed herewith and to use the information contained therein for official purposes relating to my business before the Commission. I further understand that any information I file in the offices of the Commission is public information absent an order by the Commission on motion of a party to keep such information confidential.

Beatrice E. Weaver